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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
CENTRAL REGISTRY
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March 3 41.

Sir,

With reference to your enquiry regarding Mr. J. K. Hora (Czechoslovakian), I enclose for your information a copy of a further Police report respecting this man.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

J. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of the Press Attache,
British Embassy,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date March 3, 1941

Subject J. K. HORA, Czechoslovakian

Made by D.S.I. Pitts Forwarded by C.D.I. Tabrum

With reference to the contents of the attached report dated December 9, 1940 information has been secured recently from sources that are usually reliable to the effect that J. K. HORA, Czechoslovakian, was sent to Shanghai by the Nazi-controlled Gestapo for the express purpose of causing dissension and disorganization in the ranks of the followers of the Free Czech Movement in China. His efforts here towards this end have met with failure thanks to the obstacles placed in his path by members of the local Czech Circle.

He has had close connections with Messrs. Melchers & Co. (German concern) since his arrival in Shanghai last summer and it is believed that he has been receiving funds from the Germans through this organization. He has been observed on several occasions in German circles in Shanghai and it is definitely known that he is pro-Nazi in his outlook on life. In this connection it is not out of place to mention that he was attached to the Austrian Intelligence Service during the last war.

He tried hard in Shanghai to become a member of the Czech Circle but he was given to understand by leading officials of this organization that any application received from him would be blackballed. He took the advice and did not submit an application for membership.

Having regard to his connections in

South Africa (see previous report), it comes as no surprise to learn that this individual left Shanghai yesterday morning (March 8, 1941) in the Netherlands ss. Tegelberg en route to Cape Town. He has received a visa from H.B.M. Consulate-General allowing him to pass through British possessions en route to the Union as well a visa permitting him to enter South Africa. In addition he has received a transit visa from the American Consulate-General allowing him to travel through the Philippines.

All information available at present indicates that HORA is a distinctly dangerous individual who is working hand in glove with the Nazis for one purpose which need not be mentioned here. He has fallen down on his job in Shanghai and it would seem that he is being sent to South Africa to stir up trouble there and being persona grata with many leading South African officials of high rank and being well versed in the art of doing mischief it appears obvious what he intends to do there.

It is respectfully suggested that a copy of this report be sent to the local British authorities who can make arrangements they deem fit to interrogate this man at Singapore or Cape Town. It is noteworthy that HORA is in possession of a letter of introduction

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from the Shanghai agent of the Java-China-Japan Line to the agent in Batavia recommending him as a person who can be trusted, etc....etc. The agent in Shanghai apprised the writer of this report that he had done this but he was asked not to countermand his action in order not to frighten HORA.

D.S.I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
SP. BR. REGISTRY
No. N. 5121
Date 17/12/40

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of 16th December (Ref: S.1F1F), enclosing a police report on Mr. J. F. Hare.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John Alexander

Assistant-Commissioner.

Assistant-Commissioner J. Bennett,
Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police Headquarters,
Bubbling Well Road,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Sp. Br. REGISTRY
No. 512
10/12/40

December 10 40.

Dear Mr. Alexander,

Reference your enquiry re Mr. J. K. Hora (Czechoslovakian), I enclose for your information a copy of a Police* report respecting this man.

Yours faithfully,

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
10 DEC 1940
Asst. Commissioner (Special Branch)

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

* Enclosed. 10/12.

J. Alexander, Esq.,
Office of the Press Attache,
British Embassy,
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Sp. Br. Station
No. 512
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Special Branch - S.I. Station,

REPORT

Date December 9, 1940

Subject Lecture given at the Czechoslovak Circle on December 8, 1940 by Mr. J. K. HORA, Czechoslovakian.

Made by D.S.I. Pitts *Forwarded by* D. I. Crawford

Between the hours of 8.45 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. December 8, 1940 at the Czechoslovak Circle, 214 Avenue du Roi Albert, Mr. J. K. HORA, a Czechoslovakian, gave a lecture to some 80 persons of the same race, the subject being "South Africa." The subject was treated from a topical point of view and no political angles at all were introduced. The last seventy minutes of the lecture were taken up with the screening of an English language talkie film on South Africa which was lent to the lecturer by Mr. P. D. G. Gain, local South African Trade Commissioner.

Mr. HORA was, it is said, formerly Honorary Czech Consul in Johannesburg and he has produced in Shanghai certain documents from General Smuts and other high South African dignitaries showing that he was well thought of in the Union.

Little is known of his recent activities save that he returned to Shanghai from Czechoslovakia in the summer of 1940. In 1915 and 1916, however, he was the Shanghai representative of the Skoda Munitions works and at that time he was known for his pro-German and Austrian sympathies. The local Czechs are, at present, not certain of his sympathies and this is the reason they gave him the opportunity of giving the lecture on December 8, 1940. He is not a member of the Czechoslovak Club but nothing is known that would adversely reflect to his character.

During the lecture in question, which was given in the Czech language, nothing of an untoward nature

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A. C. (Special Branch).

MEMO.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
(CRIME BRANCH)

Date 5/12/40.

D. I. Papp. C.7.

There is a meeting at the Czechoslovak Consulate between 8 pm & 11 pm Sunday 8/12/40 by a man named Hora [redacted]

D.C. (Crime) instructs that you attend.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT
5 DEC.
To Deputy Commissioner (Crime)